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shown, especially of infantile tetanus. A fairly steady presence of the disease is shown. The infantile cases are almost always due to bad dressing of the cord by the midwives who deliver the vast majority of the pregnancies. A favorite dressing is copaiba oil.

While this report lacks microscopical and exhaustive description, I think it will show why Ponce is having an epidemic death rate without the epidemic. I think the future will show a constant decrease of the number.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

	1899—						1900—								
	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Under 1 year	42	33	48	72	77	63	41	29	41	55	117	94	104	101	52
Under 2 years	21	18	12	24	21	24	10	7	15	21	33	43	27	35	34
Under 3 years	13	6	11	15	10	11	10	8	9	8	19	18	29	25	12
Under 4 years	3	5	2	8	1	6	12	5	6	4	11	22	22	26	16
Under 5 years	5	*a* 3	*a* 4	3	14	3	.....	2	9	7	10	33	34	45	34
Disease of nervous system	9	5	16	10	10	12	20	9	14	20	10	16	7	11	7
Disease of circulatory system	3	6	8	10	8	8	7	6	7	6	5	10	4	7	8
Disease of respiratory system	6	8	11	16	11	19	16	6	19	27	27	11	13	13	14
Disease of digestive system	71	52	66	100	128	131	91	78	77	120	215	233	279	294	209
Anæmia and malnutrition	22	25	20	45	45	56	31	49	48	60	81	101	159	172	169
Tuberculosis	23	25	25	34	24	25	28	18	31	23	21	18	14	23	14
Typhoid fever	4	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	3	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Smallpox	3	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dysentery	7	4	3	2	22	13	4	2	2	8	34	51	41	9	.....
Grippe	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	18	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malaria	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	2	1	.....	5	6	6	40	26	4
Tetanus, traumatic	1	.....	3	.....	2	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Tetanus, infantile	2	5	5	6	7	1	1	2	5	2	4	4	3	5	5
Others	21	*b* 222	*c* 94	55	25	33	22	20	39	42	36	32	26	121	33
Total	173	354	241	278	287	303	225	197	246	331	443	482	587	681	464

a Drowned not included. *b* 194 drowned. *c* 60 drowned.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *October 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended October 13, 1900:

Nothing of interest has occurred at this station. I sent to all persons concerned, copies of Assistant Surgeon Lavinder, quoting the paragraph relating to what vessels are to be inspected, as the same procedure will be followed here as at San Juan as near as possible.

The sanitary condition remains about the same, no quarantinable disease is present in this vicinity.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, P. R., *October 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended October 20, 1900.

Four vessels were inspected and 4 four bills of health issued. October 17, schooner *Anna* arrived from Buenas Ayres. She had a month previously been at Maracaibo, but was disinfected at Curacao. I accepted the disinfection and admitted her to pratique. October 19, Spanish steamship *Isle de Panay* arrived from Central and South American suspected ports, and provisional flag steamship *Julia* from Cuba disinfected at Santiago, landed and took passengers.

The sanitary conditions show no change except some lessening of the mortality.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the two weeks ended October 20, 1900.

PONCE, P. R., *October 15, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the two weeks ended October 20, 1900:

October 13, Spanish steamship *Martin Saenz*, from Genoa, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Canary Islands, and San Juan, P. R., 8 immigrants; October 17, French steamship *Salvador*, from Hayti and Santo Domingo, 2 immigrants; October 19, provisional flag steamship *Julia* from Cuba and Santo Domingo, 1 immigrant. Total, 11.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection af immigrants at San Juan during the two weeks ended October 20, 1900.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *October 16, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the two weeks ended October 20, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Oct. 12	Spanish steamship Martin Saenz	Genoa, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, Santa Cruz de la Palma.	2
Oct. 20	Provisional flag steamship Julia	Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago de Cuba, Santo Domingo, Macoris, Mayaguez, Ponce.	12
Do	Spanish steamship Isla de Panay	Havana, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, Ponce.	2
	Total		16

Respectfully, C. H. LAVINDER,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.